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## SJC Housing Getting A Makeover

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News Editor



Seifert Hall, to be closed next year, is due for renovation.

Saint Joseph's College has faced many changes over the last year. Since August SJC has welcomed a new President, Dean of Students, Student Activities Director and a host of other new faculty and staff. But change is not over for the Pumas.

Since December two student task forces have worked in conjunction with the Dean of Students, John Keller. The students, primarily composed of Student Senate members, formed both Judicial and Housing Task Forces to work with Dean Keller in evaluating and revising current SJC disciplinary and housing issues respectively. The conclusion: Student Housing at Saint Joseph's College is in drastic need of change.

On Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, a plan was released outlining the new Housing Plan that will take effect for the 2002-2003 academic year. The overall plan will take two years to implement, and will offer SJC students a larger variety of housing options.

The portion of the plan that will be implemented in the Fall of 2002 follows as provided by Dean Keller:

1. Seifert Hall will be closed for renovations during the 2002-2003 academic year.
2. A new procedure to apply for the apartments will take the emphasis off "being 21."
  - Juniors will be permitted to apply for housing in the Student Apartments.
  - Assignment to the apartments will be made on the basis of total "quality points" of the students requesting space. Quality Points are determined by multiplying your G.P.A. times your total credits.
  - Students on academic or disciplinary probation will not be permitted to move into the apartments, nor will students with multiple disciplinary infractions.
3. In keeping with the recommendation of the Student Senate, smoking in student rooms will only be permitted in residence hall rooms on the top floor of

will be scattered throughout the floor to test the assertion that First Year Students benefit from living with and interacting with returning students.

9. Assignment of space in the residence halls will be made on the basis of "quality points." If two sets of roommates request the same room, those with the higher total quality points will receive preference for the room.
10. Priority for SINGLE rooms will be given to 3<sup>rd</sup> year students currently living in single rooms. Single rooms will be available on a space available basis.

- each building.
4. In order to ensure that we have adequate space for men after closing Seifert, the third floor of Halas Hall will house men during the 2002-2003 academic year. Each floor of Halas will be "keyed" so that only the residents of a floor can enter that floor.

5. In order to accommodate all of the male students after closing Seifert, some rooms on each floor of Gallagher and the third floor of Halas will be converted to double room occupancy (no suite set up).

6. The housing sign-up process will be divided into two parts:

-The first part of the sign-up process will be accepting applications for the apartments.

-AFTER assignments to the apartments are made applications for rooms in other residence halls will be accepted.

Dividing the process will permit students who do not get into the apartments to be able to make application for other residence hall accommodations.

7. There will be no automatic "squatters rights" to particular rooms. Students can "squat" buildings.

8. Rooms will be saved on each floor of every residence hall for First Year Students. These rooms will not be in "blocks," but rather

"The remainder of the plan will be implemented during the 2003-2004 academic year, with Justin Hall being converted into a residence hall for all First Year students with special programs designed to support student success and retention. Additional details on the implementation of this portion of the plan will be made available next year," said Dean Keller.

Student Association President Don Shuler has been instrumental in developing the plan, and working as an advocate for student interests on the task forces. After many hours of meetings and several revisions to the plan, the Housing Plan is finally ready to put into practice.

"It's beautiful in that it incorporates ideas that are important to both the administration and the students. It honors what the students want: seniority, and what the administration wants: housing by G.P.A.," Shuler commented.

With the exception of the Apartments, housing at SJC has not significantly been changed or revised since women were admitted to the college in the late 1960's. Under the new plan students have many more options and more students will be able to use some of the better facilities around campus.

## Senior of the Year, Commencement Speaker Announced at Annual Senior Dinner

Last Friday night, April 5, faculty and alumni gathered in the ballroom for a banquet held in honor of the graduating seniors.

Hannah Pace, the senior class president, announced that Ambassador Robert B. Zoellick will be the commencement speaker this year. Zoellick is the U.S. Trade Representative and is a member of President Bush's cabinet. He serves as the principal trade policy advisor and chief trade negotiator.

Blaire Henley was also announced as the senior of the year. Her parents, Jeff and Dottie Henley of Rossville accompanied her. Blaire is a Chemistry major with a minor in history and plans to put her passion for science into law practice. In the fall she will be entering the Indiana University of Bloomington law school to pursue a career in law.

Blaire's years here have been busily spent. She has been a member of the student senate, Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Alpha Theta honor societies. She has volunteered her time working with Habitat for Humanity, served as the student association secretary and worked in the office of admissions as well as a freshman leader. Blaire has received several chemistry awards as well as an American Institute of Toxicology Internship Scholarship.



Blaire poses with her parents, Jeff and Dottie following the senior dinner.

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## Letter to the Editor

Concerned students come to learn that they are responsible not only for their own actions, but others as well

There is a definite problem on this campus that people like to overlook. We know because we overlooked it too. When people overlook other people doing illegal acts then that is a problem. This is a catholic institution of higher learning and as students of this college, we should have the morals to uphold the rules. By turning your head the other way or just overlooking the situation you have made yourself part of the problem. We know this because our situation was much like many situations we all go through.

We were in a situation where we were not doing anything wrong, but by being in the room and not doing anything about the situation, that makes us just as guilty. It was our duty as students to stop the situation. We did not and we were caught. Now we have to live with the fact that we could have reversed the trend and not overlooked this situation. Indiana also has a "Common Nuisance" law that allows a person to be charged with an "A Misdemeanor" if they visit a place where illegal activity is taking place. So, not only

could we have been held in violation of school policy, but also we could have been charged with a "A Misdemeanor".

The point of this letter is not supposed to scare or humor students it is to show you that you are responsible for more than you think. If you are in a room and illegal acts are going on you are responsible. This means you are responsible even if you are not doing anything. It is our responsibility to represent Saint Joseph's College, and I think we should start as soon as possible.

As the year is coming to an end, we are all getting ready to head home for the summer. Before you get packed up to leave, The Observer wants to know what you are doing for the next few months. Will you be working, interning, traveling? Seniors, where will you be going? Starting a new job, graduate or law school? Please email Mandy Meyers at mme2712@saintjoe.edu with your plans.

## YOUR TURN

Ever since information began to circulate on campus concerning next year's housing policy, students' opinions have been circulating just as fast. Now that the real facts have been presented, the debate is more heated than ever. Are students satisfied?

"I am glad that someone finally asked for my opinion. Here is my opinion about SJC in general. The administration (not the professors) act like they are doing us a favor by being here. We are the ones who pay their salary and put food on the table in their homes. I am sick and tired of them treating us like we are kids. A good example is the housing situation. Dean Keller does not want to tell the students about the new housing with advanced notice, instead we get an e-mail Saturday afternoon, that explains everything. He does not want us to complain. Why is it, that if we are the people living in the housing that we don't get a choice. How about the alcohol policy? I understand that no one under 21 is supposed to drink. Well sorry, welcome to the real world where people under 21 do drink and will continue to. These people in our authority positions (other than Earnest) are the kind of people who got picked on when they were younger and now are out to screw the world."

Girard Hendelman

"We've all been complaining for the past few weeks -- believe me - I am as guilty as anyone - but now, the decision has been made and properly publicized. As students, even though the plan does not work perfectly for us and is still very unfair in certain ways, we need to be adult about it and realize that the administration and the powers that they DID IN FACT take some student opinion in mind when making their decision. According to the email, the Dean did not implement the plan he favors most because of the concerns of student. I think we need to give him credit there, and thank him just as loudly as we criticized him. Perhaps if we did that, he'd be more willing to consider our concerns about the plan he has implemented - both disciplinary and with housing."

Annie Domasica

"I think that a lot of decisions about change are being made by a man who doesn't know SJC. Consequently, I think that the atmosphere on campus will suffer for the next few years. But when one doesn't care or know the atmosphere, or does not sincerely take into consideration the input of those who do care, then nothing is done to sustain it. Our loss I guess. And why was the policy addressed through email? In my opinion it should have been addressed in person, through an all school assembly. If he wants to stand behind his policy then he should have had the decency and professionalism to present it publicly. Is he trying to hide behind his computer?"

A glad to be leaving senior

"I think that the new housing situation is very unfair. The school did not do a very good job of informing the students about housing. Just drop e-mail so that people will know. The email says that it wants First-Year students to interact with returning students. Well if they wanted to do that, why did they create the apartments? Why are they permitting juniors to live there when the original rule was 21 and over. With that, you're separating the first and second year from the third and fourth year students. Why renovate Seifert Hall?. That is the least popular dorm on campus and compared to the other halls, it is the least visited too. It would make more sense to renovate Bennett, Noll, or Merlini because they all almost have full capacity of students as well and more interaction than Seifert. Why make Justin coed for freshmen only? Not only does it favor the freshmen, but it isolates them from the general population. How is the tradition supposed to be passed on if they are in their own section away from the rest of the students. In addition, they will become used to that lifestyle and the next year, that option (I assume) will not be made for them again."

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**Don't forget!!!**

**Little 500 is this weekend**

**Saturday,  
April 13, 2002**

**There will be several booths set up and many activities.**

**Come on out and join the fun!**

## SJC Alumni Return to Share Tips on Job Hunting

On Thursday April 4, SIFE together with the Career Center sponsored a panel discussion on job searching. Three alumni members who were faced with similar economic conditions upon graduation shared their advice, experiences and knowledge they gained through their own job searches.

Jeff Hillian, class of '91, Al Treado, class of '89, and Michael De Young, class of '89 were all on hand to answer questions. The late 80's and early 90's was the last period of recession and the three alumni were faced with the challenges of finding a job in an economy of short supply.

Barb Robertson of the career center facilitated the discussion and felt that, given the current economic conditions, any advice the group could give would be valuable. Earlier in the school year Robertson received a report that college hiring was down 19%, but more recent reports claim that college hiring is down 37%. "There is a bad economy out there," she said. "I'm trying to keep my seniors competitive."

Although many people hope to find their dream job right out of college, the group agreed that the perfect job wouldn't be found right away. "Employers look for experience," Hill said. "Take that first job, but keep looking."

De Young agreed, adding, "You have to constantly improve your situation. Go where you can get experience," he said.

Sara Post  
Editor in Chief



Three SJC alums were on hand to give advice and share their experiences from their own job searching.

Finding that first job can be tricky, especially in an economy that seems to be on a hiring freeze. Robertson urged students to urge and prepare their resumes.

Besides a resume, Hill stressed the importance of good interviewing skills. "When you get your foot in the door talk yourself up. Prove your experience not just on paper, but in your

actions as well," he said. "Use your experiences to the fullest capacity."

All three alumni discourage students from entering graduate programs simply because the job market seems slow. Experience is what em-

ployers are seeking, they said. A masters degree sometimes can actually hinder gaining employment if it is not accompanied by strong work history, experience and skills. They advise gaining a few years of experience before entering grad school, and some graduate programs even require work experience before admittance.

The group agreed that current SJC students have much nicer facilities. The career center alone has improved greatly, but they agreed that no one can do the job hunting for those not yet employed.

"You're lucky," Tretto said. "Take every advantage the Lord gives you right now. Utilize everything you think might help you."

## Reflections from Kairos

When someone is seeking, it happens quite easily that he only sees the thing he is seeking; that he is unable to find anything, unable to absorb anything because he is only thinking of the thing he is seeking, because he has a goal and because he is obsessed with his goal. Seeking for Siddhartha means to have a goal, finding means to be free, to be receptive. "You O worthy one, are perhaps indeed a seeker, for in striving towards your goal, you do not see many things that are under your nose."

How strange my life had been, I thought. I had wandered along strange paths. Just over sixteen I was occupied with the gods and goddesses and with meditation and acute thinking until my late teens. As a naturalist I visualized a stone on the ground with time to turn to dirt and the dirt to gardenia. I've been agnostic, atheist, and the influence of the Romantics, Walden Pond, and Robert Frost's works turned me to Pantheism. The rivers taught me to listen. The birds hummed words so that I could hear happiness but be in dismay that spring is so brisk.

Then I encountered Kairos; spiritually I was and still am today enlightened to the highest pinnacle of happiness and contentment I had only dreamt of achieving with God throughout my life. To think I was not even going to go on Kairos until a retreatant came to my door. I put down my paintbrushes and stolidly walked on my way. "I was lost but now am found," sums up my "Live the Fourth" experiences. A word of advice: go to Kairos if you have yet to experience the inspiring and very moving grace of comfort which you meet through covenants with people you never knew.

Until the trip, my relationship with God was rocky. I was unsure of his might, unconvinced He existed. I selfishly thought prayer was a waste of time. Then on the second day of Kairos I experienced a miracle. My Father told me of a miracle once of a little yellow finch that fed three times a day outside my grandfather's big window. They could always count on the

Patrick J. Smith

yellow finch to sing when there was silence. On the morning when my grandfather Luther passed away, the yellow finch lay dead below the feeder on the porch.

Before this story was merely touching, but today it shows the hand of God. I pleaded to God, "Are you real? Help me Lord, I am lost and I cannot reveal my emotions aloud, they are bottled inside like boiling water trapped in a pot." I overcame my emotions and cried for three hours straight uncontrollably. The cathartic experience was not sad, it was reviving, replenishing, like a jejune lady slipper growing in urban lands.

The catch: Brother Hugh, a member of the C.P.P.S. gave me a LaVailiere in remembrance of Luther. A picture of Christ's face was chiseled into the silver chunk of a cross shape. A tear came from his eye with blood dripping from the thorns piercing his skin. The tear represents the obstacle I have been seeking to overcome; now I have found an answer to my secular vision and all my conundrums about faith, hope and love can be answered by the heavenly Father.

I think it is appropriate for jubilation, so I wrote a few letters to precious people like Millard Fuller, a man who has built more homes across the world for people than any one else.

Kairos was amazing for me, and so was the venison, WOW! When I stepped foot off the boat to head to Jesus, the boulder on my shoulders would not sink me, for the Lord has a path laid out for me to walk safely into his arms.

I feel I owe Kairos the world, so I gave back a little of the blessedness that has filled my entire body, thanks to God. Similar to Habitat for Humanity's homes of love, I triggered an idea in the thoughts of the church my grandfather built. I asked them to build a home for those in need; the project is in progress today. It is called "Luther's Missions House."

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## On Deck With The Colombian Players

The Colombian Players are preparing for yet another show, this time presenting the musical comedy *Once Upon A Mattress*. The show features a cast that showcases the talent of fresh faces alongside seasoned veterans. This show will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday April 18, 19 and 20.



# *Walking the Walk: Jen Sherburne, Devoted to Her Faith and Others*

Susan Huss  
Features Editor

Most of us just show up to mass three minutes before it starts, say a little prayer, and sit back and relax. But for junior Jen Sherburne, there are lights and microphones to be turned on, schedules to be made, and an altar to be set up.

Stepping up into a position of high responsibility, Sherburne became this year's sacristan and is in charge of campus ministry public relations. Her weekly tasks include coordinating the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, servers, and hospitality volunteers for every mass. She also sets up for the masses and cleans up after them. For PR, she hangs up signs for the different campus ministry events.

"They had someone leave after first semester last year, and Fr. Tim [McFarland] asked me if I would fill the position," she said. "It's my service to the college. I like having a job that helps people grow in their faith. I also like to make sure things get done. I tend to step in when something needs done. I enjoy helping others."

Though Sherburne's services sometimes go unnoticed, she is always behind the scenes at every campus ministry event, from Service of the Shadows to Kairos closing ceremonies. She said sometimes her job gets to be hectic.

"I have no free time on Sundays after doing both masses," she said. "I'm always busy on Sundays. Then, when there are extra masses, those take more time."

In the free time that Sherburne does have, she participates in several other campus ministry activities, as well as other clubs.



"I have been a liturgical minister and have sung with music ministry since freshman year," she said. "I've been on the camping retreat a few times and went on Kairos freshman year. I was also on the planning team for Faith Group for a while, but I had to stop when I got too busy. I have also been in the band for three years. This year I play baritone. I'm treasurer for BACCHUS/SMASH. I've been a track marshal for two years for Little 500. I will also be a freshman leader in the fall."

So with all these things to do, why does Sherburne stay involved in campus ministry?

"I try to show [my faith] by example," she said. "I try to not just talk the talk but actually walk the walk. My faith is very important. When I've hit some rough spots in my life, my faith was all I've been holding on to. It's an aspect of my life that's always been there for me. Like my faith, campus ministry is something that's been there for me through some tough times. I've met some awesome people who have helped me grow and find who I am."

Unfortunately, Sherburne feels it is time for her to cut back on some of her sacristan responsibilities.

"It takes so much time," she said. "Since I'm student teaching next spring, next fall is in a way my last semester. I want and need some time to relax before student teaching. I found I need to say 'no' to more things. I try to do too many different things."

Yet Sherburne is not stepping completely back. She still plans to do PR for campus ministry and participate in events such as the camping retreat. She will also be trying new things, such as being a Freshman Leader in the fall.

As for the immediate future, Sherburne looks forward to her summer job as director of the Summer Adventure Series, a 4-H program in her hometown, Fort Wayne. Ultimately, Sherburne hopes to use all her experiences to teach at a Catholic elementary school in Fort Wayne. As for now, she is just living and enjoying life day to day. Her motto is, "Love life and live it like ya love it!"

# **Get Your Engines Ready: Little 500 is Here Again**

Katie Davet  
Reporter

Are you ready for another fun-filled week during the annual Little 500? Get your engines revved up, because another exciting race is just around the corner.

The fun begins with the Mr. Puma contest on Wednesday, April 10, followed by the Miss Puma contest on Thursday, April 11. There are four parts to both contests: formal wear, sports wear, talent competition, and question and answer. The week culminates with the 39th annual Little 500 race on Saturday, April 13.

Little 500 week is coordinated by junior Sarah Hachey, advertising chair; senior Addie Nicholson, sponsorship chair; senior Theresa Kreinbrink, head track marshal and junior Sarah Sikkema, Little 500 chair. They said they are looking forward to another eventful week.

"It is going to be exciting seeing all the people around campus for the alumni race, the student race, and the booths sponsored by various clubs," Hachey said. "There has been a lot of energy and effort put into making this Little 500 one of the best. There are improvements with the actual race and with other entertainment."

The week's entertainment will include a band called Jimmy 2 Times, which will perform on Friday, April 12. On Saturday, during the race, there will be club-sponsored booths by SUB, a stand where students get to race remote control cars, and a couple of big novelty activities like race wall.

The alumni race is at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Craig Phillips and Marley Miller, who graduated last year, will be participating. At 2 p.m. that afternoon, the students' race will get underway.

"Little 500 is one of my favorite weekends on campus, and my favorite part about the weekend is the time when I hear the engines start up on Saturday afternoon, and the race finally starts," Kreinbrink said. "At that point, I realize why I volunteer to work on it every year."

The veteran participants are senior Kris Krouse, an environmental science major from Fort Wayne, who was last year's winner; senior Sara Nothnagel, a criminal justice from Oak Lawn, Illinois; senior David McElroy, a computer science major from Noblesville; senior Rhiannon Davis, a music education major from Hobart, Indiana; sophomore Greg Rathnow, a management major from Decatur, Illinois; and senior Polly Rainey, a biology-chemistry major from Hebron. The new rookie drivers are junior Jeff White, a physical education major from Glendale, Arizona; junior Omar Ruiz, a management major from Whiting; senior Trent Ridgeway, a computer science major from Orland Park, Illinois; Randy Peck, an SJC employee; junior Justin Terria, a management major from Monon; and freshman Bill Hardy, a computer science major from Frankfort, Illinois. With all these participants ready to race, SJC students will just have to wait and see how the race turns out.

The winners of the race are going to be honored on Saturday evening at 6:30 with a special banquet. The first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place winners will get \$500, \$250, \$125, \$75, and \$50 respectively. Some of the other awards presented will be the vanquished heroes, best crew chief, best track marshal, and the Jon Northcutt Memorial Award, which is given to the driver who gains the most positions during the race. Jon Northcutt raced in Little 500 in 1999 as a freshman and received the high charger award, which is given for the greatest improvement. Northcutt passed away in 2000 as a result of a car accident. In his memory, number 78 has been retired.

It takes a lot of time to plan Little 500, so the organizers are looking forward to seeing their efforts pay off.

"This event takes all year to plan and to see the end result is the greatest," Sikkema said. "Seeing students and the alumni out to watch the races, along with all the activities of the day, make the whole planning process worth it."

Ready or not, here we go. "I can't wait to relax and have a great time," Nicholson said.

## Puma Profile: Elaine DeZeeuw Dedication at It's Best

Colleen Flynn  
Reporter



She experiences first-hand the ups and downs of a college athlete's life, repairs injuries, and provides much-needed guidance. Because of her job, Elaine DeZeeuw, assistant athletic trainer, has built up a special relationship with many SJC athletes.

Students like sophomore Annie Domasica believe that DeZeeuw is a valuable contribution to the SJC staff.

"She really effects only those of us who are athletes", Domasica said. "She does so in a way that is awesome and deserves recognition. In my opinion, Elaine is one of the hardest working people on campus. She

not only does her job effectively, but she does so with love and genuine concern for her athletes. I know Elaine has gone above and beyond the call of duty for me personally on several occasions, and she does the same for other athletes as well."

DeZeeuw grew up in the farming community of Annapolis, IL. She has one brother and still remains close to her family. Her high school consisted of 135 students. She chose to attend Vincennes University where she received her associates degree. She received her bachelors and masters degrees from Indiana University. This has been her first job out of college, and she is currently in her second year at SJC.

DeZeeuw chose to work at SJC for many reasons. She wanted to work at a Division II school. Her husband, Terry, is an athletic trainer at Purdue University, and she wanted to remain close by. DeZeeuw said she enjoyed the people she met at SJC during her interview.

"I really enjoy working with Jared, head athletic trainer," she said. "He keeps me laughing and on my toes. Being an athletic trainer is a great job; you get to meet so many different people. When working in a clinic, you get to see patients two or three times a week for two or three weeks. In this setting, I see them every day, whether I want to or not, for four years! I get to go outside and watch practices and not sit inside at a clinic. Also, you get to see the athletes develop as an athlete and as a person. I like being an athletic trainer because I get to help the athlete be the best person/athlete that he/she can be, whether it be with an injury or prevention of an injury."

DeZeeuw has a passion for her work and attributes it to the students she works with.

"I really like working with the athletes," she said. "I like this because they keep me young, not that I am old or anything, but they teach me new things and keep me in style!"

Though she loves her job, there are certain aspects of it that DeZeeuw dislikes. She could do without the long hours and the task of telling kids they are out for the season and watching them cry. Yet she does not beat around the bush about an injury. She believes honesty is the best.

"I am very blunt and just tell people how it is, even if they don't want to hear it," she said. "I think that sometimes it's the only way to get the point across. I think I am funny but I am sure there are some who would disagree. I think humor is very important in my job and personality. Sometimes I do the dumbest things and just have to laugh at myself. I can be a real idiot!"

With a sense of humor about her job, DeZeeuw uses hard work and dedication to make a difference on campus. Her efforts are felt by the athletes who appreciate what she does for them.

## SJC Alumnus Speaks to History Class About Conditions in Israel

Bree Ma'Aytek  
Reporter

On March 21, William Walsh, a 1985 graduate of Saint Joseph's College, spoke to history students enrolled in SJC's "Modern Middle East" class about his personal experiences in Israel.

Taught by Professor of History Phillip Posey, "Modern Middle East" studies major developments in the Middle Eastern countries between Libya and Iran. In order to show a personal perspective about the current tension between Israelis and Palestinians in Israel, Posey invited former student Walsh, who spent two and a half years in Israel, to talk about his experiences.

Walsh gave the students background information about events leading up to the current Israel and Palestine conflict; his mother-in-law Bernadette Qattan and wife Suha also shared personal stories about life for Christian Palestinians in Israel.

"I've never given a talk about this before," Walsh said. "I hope I provided a different perspective about a topic that Americans are very interested in these days."

After Walsh earned a bachelor's degree in History, summa cum laude, in 1985, he spent a year working in Louisville, Ky., his hometown. After taking the Law School Admission Test and scoring in the ninety-seventh percentile, he attended Harvard Law School and went on to work with legal aids in Georgia and Illinois for approximately six years. He originally relocated to Israel to work with a legal aid office there, but became involved with a variety of non-governmental organizations and projects. Walsh married and left Israel in 1997. Currently, he, his wife and two children live in Louisville, where he is an attorney specializing in civil litigation with Tilford, Dobbins, Alexander, Buckaway and Black.

Posey believes Walsh's presentation was successful.

"I was very pleased with the kind of larger scope he (and his family) gave to the students about Middle East issues. He provided students with a viewpoint quite different from what is reflected through the United States media," he said.

## Congratulations to the Senior of the Year Nominees!

Scott P. Morgan

Mathew Blanton

Megan Taylor

Kristen Hall

And this year's winner...

Blaire Henley

# Puma Profile: Melissa Kleinmas

Rebecca Scherer  
Reporter

Junior Melissa Kleinmaus is definitely someone to watch out for on campus. Coming to SJC all the way from New Berlin, WI, it was a sad day for her former Catholic Memorial Crusaders when she became a Puma.

The modest Psychology major has been involved with track for seven years and counting. "Junior and

"We still have to work just as hard as the bigger schools..." said Kleinmas

senior year [of high school] I finished second at state for the 300 meter hurdles. My team as a whole was State Champion for three years," Kleinmaus said.

an event. We definitely have the home-field advantage."

One strength Kleinmaus feels the team possesses is flexibility. "We know how to adapt very well," she

that may have affected the outcome of the match. "The course was still in 'early spring' conditions, so it was not too ideal out there. The course was tough. You had all sorts of different holes out there. You had to hit the ball well to be successful," said Peschke.

The Bethel invite found the team in better spirits. "The team played pretty well at Bethel. We beat the second place team by four shots. We were the only Division II team at this tournament, so we had high expectations going into it," said Peschke.

The weather at the Bethel College invitational was a huge switch from the District IV tournament. "[Bethel Tournament] was much cooler; it even snowed for the first few holes. The course was playing pretty long (about

She was recruited to run the 400 meter hurdles, but a few months before making the move onto campus Coach Bill Massoels asked if she would be interested in participating in the heptathlon. The heptathlon is a two-day event, the first day consisting of the 100 meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, and the 200 meter dash. The second day includes long jump, javelin, and the 800 meter dash. Kleinmaus happily agreed.

Some upcoming events for the team are Little State, set to take place at De Pauw University, and the SJC hosted Conference meet. Kleinmaus has high expectations for the Conference. "We have a brand new track, and we already get to host

finished fourth for their indoor season earlier this year. "We're much better outdoors. We're learning to adapt to the weather and the feel of

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proudly said. Although the SJC indoor has some disadvantages, the team worked with what they had and

running outdoors." Although Saint Joe's is one of the smallest schools in the Conference, Kleinmaus is very proud of how competitive the team is. "We still have to work just as hard as the bigger schools, but we have less resources to work with," she stated.

Kleinmaus fully expects several of her teammates to advance to nationals in their specific events. Melissa Kleinmaus and the rest of the SJC track team will participate in "Little State on April 13 and SJC hosted conference on

April 19 and 20. With the latter being a homegame, Pumas are encouraged to come and cheer the team to victory.



## Puma Golf Places First at Bethel

Luke Hansen  
Reporter

The men's golf team are just about to finish up their spring season, and they were twelfth in the District IV tournament. Last weekend, they placed first out of eight teams at the Bethel Spring Invitational. Freshman Eric Peschke commented on his performance of the District IV tournament. Peschke, who tied for 11<sup>th</sup> in the tournament, said, "I was hitting the ball pretty well on the first day. I birdied three straight holes on the front nine. The temperature wasn't too bad, but the wind was blowing out there."

There were other conditions

that may have affected the outcome of the match. "The course was still in 'early spring' conditions, so it was not too ideal out there. The course was tough. You had all sorts of different holes out there. You had to hit the ball well to be successful," said Peschke.

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### Individual Results

#### District IV Spring Tournament (12th/18)

Eric Peschke - 71, 79 - 150 (tie 11th)  
Ryan Messner - 81, 76 - 157  
Scott Van Loon - 78, 87 - 165  
Travis French - 77, 90 - 167  
Mike Cronkhite - 84, 90 - 174

#### Bethel Spring Invitational (Team Champions)

Alternate shot - Ryan Messner & Eric Peschke, 73  
Best ball - Aaron Hanlin & Mike Durkin, 77  
Scramble - Mike Cronkhite & Scott Van Loon, 70

## The Puma Sports in Short... Looking at the season with a Bang, Kick, Whack, Whoosh and A-Par.

**Baseball:** The team played against Oakland City over the weekend, but did not come home with a win. On Saturday's game, they lost 2-0. That night, they lost the game 11-7. The points are credited to Quinton Allen and Brandon Hardy with two runs, Scott Mertes with two hits, and Garrett Guest who scored twice. That following Sunday, the loss was 9-7. Bob Bossard had a run, and Steve Mulligan and Scott Mertes who scored twice, and Guest had two hits.

**Softball:** Over the weekend, the Lady Pumas lost to Lewis University with scores of 1-0 and 2-0. In the first game, there were only 3 hits by SJC, and two hits in the latter game.

**Men's Tennis:** They lost 6-1 against Indianapolis, and 6-3 when they played Northern Kentucky. Lance Crow was #3 at singles, with 6-3 and 6-2 with Indianapolis. A double team of Mark Grueter and Tom Ruth was #1 against Northern Kentucky. Gruter and Ruth also took the top two spots with singles, with Grueter's score 4-6, 6-2, and 6-4. Ruth was #2 with 6-3, 2-6, and 6-2.

**Track and Field:** The Chicagoland Championships were last weekend, and the men's team placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 16. The women's team also finished 7<sup>th</sup>, but out of 15 teams. The men's team had 50 points, and the ladies had 49.50.

The 39th annual Little 500 Go-Kart race is this Saturday, April 13. The actual race takes place Saturday morning with the Alumni Race and the afternoon with the student racers. Those students who will be racing this year are:

Jeff White #24 (junior)  
Omar Ruiz #99 (junior)  
Justin Terria #32 (junior)  
Bill Hardy #12 (freshman)

Kris Krouse #13 (senior)  
Sara Nothnagel #7 (senior)  
Dave McElis #37 (senior)  
Tent Ridgway #30 (senior)  
Greg Rathnow #3 (sophomore)  
Rhiannon Davis #4 (senior)  
Randy Peck #8 (SJC employee)  
Polly Rainey #73 (senior)

Good Luck Racers!

Go Speed Racer, GO!



# Puma Baseball Take Two Out of Three This Past Weekend.

Marianne Annee  
Reporter

The Puma baseball team played three games against Kentucky Wesleyan College this past weekend. They won two out of the three games with the scores being 8-3, 6-2, 2-1. The Pumas improved their record to 17-12-2.

In game one of the three games



took place on Friday afternoon as the Pumas won 8-3. Mark Statsch was very effective as he struck out six, and walked

three. He pitched a six hitter in six innings and only three scored. Larry Poleski led the team to a victory by pitching a scoreless seventh inning. At the plate the Pumas had seven hits in six innings. Tony Schmid, Scott Mertes, and Bob Bosserdet had two hits apiece. Bosserdet was effective at the plate as he hit a double and drove four runs in while Garrett Guest scored three times along with Tony Schmid who crossed home plate twice. Mertes had two triples.

The next game was game one of a double-header that took place on Saturday afternoon. The Pumas won game one 6-2. Senior pitcher Keith Nawrocki pitched seven innings. He got a season high 13 strike outs along with 2 walks. He gave up five hits and two runs. Tony Schmid

and Kurt Welsh each had two hits while Myszak was 2 for 4 with two runs scored and two RBIs.

In the final game of the double-header Saturday, the Pumas lost 2-1. Andy Augsburger gave up seven hits and two runs along with two walks and ten strike outs, as he pitched for eight straight innings. Scott Mertes was 2 for 3 for the Pumas. Quinton Allen scored the only run for the Pumas in this game off a RBI that was

hit by Bob Bosserdet in the ninth inning.

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## Track and Field: Improving Everyday

Bridget Newman  
Reporter

The 2002 Saint Joseph's College track and field season is on the move. Although not every team member is completely satisfied with their performance thus far, the Pumas have every reason to be proud of what they have already accomplished.

At the USTCA Coaches Challenge on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Lady Pumas had seven 1<sup>st</sup> place's, finishing second as a team overall. Freshman Ashley Bryant took 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1500 and freshman Natalie Salinas took 1<sup>st</sup> for discus and hammer. Salinas commented, "Discus isn't where I want it to be, but I'll peak at the right time." She added, "I'm excited about the rest of the year."

Sophomore Alexis Virtue also has reason to be excited. She took 1<sup>st</sup> in the 5000 at the Coaches Challenge and again placed in 1<sup>st</sup> in the 10,000 a week

later in Indianapolis. Other recent success on the women's track and field side were junior Anne Balmes who does pole vaulting, Melissa Kleinmaus who has done well in the steeplechase and 400 hurdles, and sophomore Lyndi Cruikshank, who competes in the long and triple jumps.

Cruikshank is pleased with her jumping this year. She commented that she "definitely saw improvement from last season." Another sophomore who has noted his intensified abilities is Andy Cool who often places highly for shotput and discuss. Freshman Roger Driver and senior Josh Hughes, too, have had noteworthy success in the 2002 season. Driver in the 200 and 400 meter races and Hughes in the high jump and long jump.

Another senior, Tim Newman noted that while indoor conference was a disappointment to many, the team has also lost the skill of two, sophomore Tom O'Connor and junior Jason Johnson. Newman called losing

O'Connor, who is currently suffering an injured foot, a "hard hit to the team." Johnson, who Newman notes is a "very integral part of the team," is now competing again.

As far as improvements to be made, the track and field team feels confident overall that what needs to get done, will be done in time. It is a matter of maintaining focus, so as not to lose a competitive edge.

Salinas suggests to incoming freshman, "Give yourself time to get adjusted." Newman adds, "Don't get frustrated if you're not the best one out here. Everyone here is the best from their high school, too. Stay positive." Freshman Maurice Perkins concludes, "Be ready to work hard everyday and be challenged everyday." When asked what improvements Perkins would like to make, he commented, "Run faster."

## Upcoming Events

Apr. 11

Softball: AWAY Marian  
3 pm

Baseball: HOME Lewis  
University 2:30 pm

Apr. 12

Men's Tennis: AWAY University of Southern Indiana  
3 pm

Apr. 13

Men's Tennis: AWAY Bellarmine University 9 am

Softball: AWAY SIU  
Edwardsville 1 pm

Baseball: HOME Missouri-St. Louis noon

Track and Field: AWAY Little State Championships - Depauw University 10 am

Apr. 14

Softball: AWAY Southern Indiana noon

Baseball: HOME Missouri-St. Louis noon

Apr. 15

Softball: AWAY St. Mary's Notre Dame 3 pm

Apr. 16

Baseball: HOME Indiana Tech 2:30 pm

Men's Tennis: HOME Bethel College 4 pm

Apr. 17

Baseball: HOME Wisconsin-Parkside noon

Apr. 18

Softball: HOME South Suburban 3 pm

Apr. 19

Softball: AWAY GLVC vs. GLLAC Tournament

Track and Field:  
(Apr. 19-20)  
HOME GLVC Championships Fri. 1 pm, Sat. 10 am

Men's Tennis: (Apr. 19-20)  
AWAY GLVC Tournament  
Indianapolis

Apr. 20

Softball: AWAY GLVC vs. GLLAC Tournament

Baseball: AWAY Quincy University noon

If anyone is interested in contributing their talents to the *Observer* Sports section, email Melissa, Mgg3598@saintjoe.edu

## Fast Facts

Peter Minuit purchased Manhattan Island from the Manhattoe tribe for trinkets and cloth valued at 60 guilders. The price worked out to about \$24.

In 1950, Scottish Nationalists stole the "Stone of Destiny" from Westminster Abbey. This was Scotland's Coronation Stone, taken by the English in 1296. By tradition, all British monarchs have to be crowned while sitting on it. It was eventually recovered from Arbroath Abbey, although some claimed this was a copy, and the original remained in Scotland. In 1996, the "Stone of Destiny" was returned from London to Edinburgh Castle, exactly 700 years after being stolen by Edward I.

In 1961, a year after the death of novelist Boris Pasternak, his friend and collaborator Olga Ivinskaya was arrested for allegedly receiving foreign royalties for Pasternak's published works. She was sentenced to eight years imprisonment and hard labor in Siberia, and her daughter received three years for alleged complicity.

In 1964, Ray Bellisario became the first British paparazzo, and was dubbed "The Peeping Tom" by the press. He sold photographs of Princess Margaret in a swimsuit to the Sunday Express, which published them. The British monarchy instructed editors not to buy Bellisario's photos, and they agreed.

The right arm and torch of the Statue of Liberty crossed the Atlantic Ocean three times. It first crossed for display at the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition and in New York, where money was raised for the foundation and pedestal. It was returned to Paris in 1882 to be reunited with the rest of the statue, which was then shipped back to the United States.

The Roman emperor Commodus had all of the dwarfs, cripples, and freaks collected in the city of Rome and had them brought to the Colosseum, where they were ordered to fight each other to the death with meat cleavers.

The toe of the metal statue of St. Peter in St. Peter's Cathedral, Rome, is worn down almost to a nub by the great number of pilgrims who have kissed it through the centuries.

Piercing nipples with rings and the like is not a new punk fad. It was popular among ladies in the late 1800s.

The shortest war on record, between Britain and Zanzibar in 1896, lasted just 38 minutes.

The Shell Oil Company originally began as a novelty shop in London that sold seashells.

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## DON'T PANIC IT'S ONLY A MOVIE

Mike Potts  
Staff Writer

Panic Room is a cat and mouse game, with the characters sometimes flip-flopping their roles. It doesn't take long for the suspense to jump out and grab you, and with an arsenal of other thrillers under his belt (Seven, The Game, Fight Club), director David Fincher has no problem holding on. The directing is brilliant, the camera angles, the zoom ins and outs; one could almost get dizzy from it all, but instead it is soothing. Taking us through key-holes, up and down floors, winding us through hallways, Fincher gives us the guided tour of the playground these cats and mice will be forced to contend.

The playground is a Manhattan brownstone, a large home complete with its own elevator and security cameras. But its most unique feature is the "panic room" – a small room reinforced by steel and concrete, equipped with food, water, air, and electricity -- where one could lock themselves safely from intruders.

Being a thriller, the most unlikely things can happen, and it is no coincidence that this "panic room" will see its fair share of use. Meg Altman (Jodie Foster), and her sharp-tongued teenage daughter Sarah (Kristen Stewart), are spending their first night in the home. Just separated from her husband and still uncomfortable in her new surroundings, Meg tosses and turns all night, when she hears something downstairs. Looking at the monitors fed by the security cameras she sees them.

Three men have broken into her new home, expecting it to be empty. The first is Junior (Jared Leto), a relative to the previous owner, and privy to the fact that there are millions somewhere in the home – more precisely, in the "panic room". He lures with him Burnham (Forest Whitaker), a greedy, yet likeable

crook; he has made a career out of building these reinforced rooms, he tells his partners, "specifically to keep out people like us." Lastly, he brings Raoul, a ski-masked, gun-toting burglar. Trading his guitar for a pistol, Dwight Yokam plays Raoul wonderfully, transforming from honky-tonk singer, to a very believable wild-eyed sadist.

Now Meg and Sarah have locked themselves in the panic room, while the three intruders have sealed off all other exits to the house. If they do come out of the room, they won't leave the house. The entire movie is set in the brownstone, and both parties – the residents and the intruders – must use whatever they can find within the home to win the game, urging you to shout advice to the screen or to just simply squeeze your eyes shut and refuse to watch.

The objective at hand, for the intruders to break into the room and for Meg and Sarah to repel them, never leaves our minds and keeps us creating our own ideas within our heads to help either group win, but the movie is dotted with minor subplots to briefly divert our attention long enough to hit us hard and surprisingly again. The three invaders often argue with one another adding a touch of comedy, while more seriously, Sarah suffers from diabetes.

But what the movie does so successfully besides to entertain, is at the heart of all thrillers. It puts us in the dangerous position, allowing us to wonder what we would do in that situation. However corny some thriller movies are, I know I've watched a good one when I jump from time to time, or when I bite my lip, wanting to yell at the screen, and when I finally shake my head in disgust, thinking I could do it so much better than the characters I'm watching. Panic Room made me do everyone.

## Words of Wisdom

"It's the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter"

- Marlene Dietrich

"When I find myself fading, I close my eyes and realize my friends are my energy."

-Anon.

"The road to a friend's house is never long."

-Danish proverb

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"An insincere and evil friend is more to be feared than a wild beast; a wild beast may wound your body, but an evil friend will wound your mind."

-Buddha

"The real test of friendship is: can you literally do nothing with the other person? Can you enjoy those moments of life that are utterly simple?"

-Eugene Kennedy

"May those who love us love us. And those that don't love us, May God turn their hearts. And if He doesn't turn their hearts, May he turn their ankles, So we'll know them by their limping."

- Irish Proverb

"A friend is one who knows you and loves you just the same."

-Elbert Hubbard

"You don't love a woman because she is beautiful, but she is beautiful because you love her."

-Anon.

Dry Eyes  
and Laughter

He stands there waiting  
For a train, for a bus, for love  
They never stop, never slow up

The rain on his face has no valve  
Nothing to turn to stop his eyes  
from raining  
But that's natural isn't it?  
He's never had anything else —  
until now

She is amazing standing there  
This isn't how it's suppose to be is it?  
No heartaches, no tears, just  
love?  
It's not like the first time

It's better this time around  
No games or lies, but love  
Just dry eyes and laughter

~Mike Potts

## Ode to Julianne's Hair

...horned  
...rigid

...coke addicted  
...crimped and strung out  
...wing-tipped  
...safety hazard  
...raunchy and flammable  
...bird's nest  
...NC 17  
...lock box  
...life of its own  
So much depends upon  
a fine toothed comb  
and an open mind

Annie Domasica &  
Mandy Meyers

## Interesting Town Names

Alabama	Intercourse
Aimwell	Muck City
Bobo	Burnt Corn
Eclectic	

Alaska	
Chicken	Lefthand Bay
Deadhorse	Nightmute
Eek	Unalaska

Arizona	
Bagdad	Bootlegger Crossing
Boneyard	Bumble Bee
Goobertown	Goodyear
Many Farms	Nothing
Show Low	Tuba City
Two Guns	Why
Winkleman	

Arkansas	
Bald Knob	Beaver
BiggersBlue Eye	
Experiment	Fannie
Fifty-Six	Flippin

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